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QUARTERLY REPORT

From the Director

By: *Charles G. Marceaux*
Executive Director

REALITY CHECK

Dear Licensed Contractors:

Construction is alive and well in Louisiana today! Construction projects in Louisiana represent \$10,000,000,000 under regulation by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors. Five years ago that figure was \$6,000,000,000. Our field compliance officers visit nearly 3,000 job sites on a monthly basis to ensure that owners, contractors, and subcontractors are adhering to the Contractor Licensing Law. The legislative intent of our law is to afford persons an effective and practical protection against the incompetent, inexperienced, unlawful, and fraudulent acts of contractors with whom they contract.

The Board subscribes via Internet to the F. W. Dodge Report Group, which provides us a listing of all projects known to be in planning, design, engineering, and construction throughout Louisiana. In addition to this information, our field compliance officers investigate new construction projects, which include governmental, commercial, industrial, service, or residential

sites. The Board's objective is to ensure that all parties who offer a bid or contract to perform construction services, when the combined value of labor, materials, and equipment exceeds \$50,000, are licensed in Louisiana.

Licensed contractors are under legal obligation to adhere to all the rules and regulations of the Board in order to have their licenses renewed annually. Failure to continue to meet the licensure requirements and adhere to all sections of R.S. 37:3150-2173, et al, could result in suspension or revocation of license. I encourage all licensed contractors to revisit the contractor licensing law and rules and regulations of the Board to remind them of their responsibilities under the law. Please search our website at www.lslbc.state.la.us for our statutes, rules and regulations, contractor and subcontractor searches, and a host of other interesting and important information. If I, or my staff, can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call.

Wishing you a successful contracting career!

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IN MEMORIAM



It is with deep sadness that we advise that the Board's Compliance Director, Janice Alexander, passed away on March 22, 2001 after a lengthy illness. Ms. Alexander was a career state employee with twenty-five years of service. She began work with the Board in 1976. After leaving the Board in 1980, Ms. Alexander returned as a compliance field inspector in 1984 covering the Monroe and later Baton Rouge areas. In February of 1990, Ms. Alexander was appointed as compliance supervisor for Baton Rouge and surrounding areas, where she served until March of 1992 when she was appointed as State Compliance Director.

Jan was widely known for her work ethic and professionalism. Her image as the thorough professional often belied her caring, generous spirit and her love of subtle practical jokes. Jan is greatly missed by her fellow co-workers as well as those with whom she worked not only in Louisiana but many other states. She leaves behind two sons and their families – Robert and Michelle Alexander of Greenwell Springs, Louisiana and Charles "Chuck" and Joyce Alexander of Atlanta, Georgia as well as three grandchildren.

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RESIDENTIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

Please be reminded that four (4) hours of continuing education **earned in the year 2001** are required for **each** qualifying party for licensed residential building contractors, with the exception of contractors **initially** licensed after May 31, 2001. Information received by the Board regarding continuing education opportunities is forwarded to the Louisiana Homebuilders Association for publication on their website at www.lhba.org.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

Governor Foster declared Wednesday, May 9, 2001 as State Employee Appreciation Day. On behalf of the Board, Executive Director Charles Marceaux presented certificates of appreciation to all staff. Mr. Marceaux singled out those employees who have been with the agency from ten to forty years. The State Licensing Board for Contractors is grateful to its employees for the exceptional customer-oriented reputation which it enjoys.



Byron Talbot, Board Chairman, and Dr. James Gill.



Charles Marceaux, Executive Director, and Dr. James Gill.

Dr. James Gill, Contractor's Educational Trust Fund Endowed Chair in Construction Technology and Applied Ethics at LSU, recently presented the Board with a plaque in recognition of the Board's generosity through CETF in creating the Contractor's Educational Trust Fund professorship in Applied Ethics in Construction Management at the LSU College of Engineering. Dr. Gill also recognized Executive Director Charles G. Marceaux with a plaque for his willingness to serve as guest lecturer in construction law.

Disciplinary Actions of State Licensing Board

January 2001

Commercial

IDM Environmental Corp.

South River, New Jersey

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Classification of Specialty: Hazardous Waste Treatment or Removal removed from license.

Koester Environmental Services, Inc.

Evansville, Indiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Allowed sixty (60) days to register a qualifying party.

Petro-Drive, Inc.

Lafayette, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License revoked.

Suitt Construction Co., Inc.

Greenville, South Carolina

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Classification of Electrical Work (Statewide) removed from license.

February 2001

Commercial

Interlake Material Handling, Inc.

Naperville, Illinois

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party or license automatically suspended. Qualifying party replaced.

Mundy Contract Maintenance, Inc.

Houston, Texas

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Classification of Electrical Work (Restricted) removed from license.

Residential

Chateau Homes by RJM, Inc.

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Fined.

Four by Four Management Company, L.L.C.

New Orleans, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Fined and cease and desist order issued.

Palmer Construction Co., Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance coverage.

Action: Fined and cease and desist order issued.

Danny Lacour

Alexandria, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings and a cease and desist order issued.

Michael Monk

Deville, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

John Brown

LaPlace, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

March 2001

Commercial

Amedee Construction Company, Inc.

New Orleans, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to satisfy a judgment.

Action: Found guilty. License automatically revoked if payment schedule not followed.

Adesta Communications, Inc.

Omaha, Nebraska

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License suspended and allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party or license automatically revoked. License revoked.

E. N. Bisso & Son Derricks, L. L. C.

Metairie, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License suspended and allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party or license automatically revoked. License revoked.

Colt Services, Inc.

Harvey, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party.

Industrial Packaging and Supply, Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License suspended and allowed thirty (30) days to replace qualifying party or license automatically revoked. License revoked.

Triple "G" Services, Inc.

Belle Chasse, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License surrendered.

John R. Wald Company

Huntington, Pennsylvania

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License suspended and allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party or license automatically revoked. License revoked.

Residential

Stephen A. Sipes, Jr.

Shreveport, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings and a cease and desist order issued.

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Earl Hill

New Orleans, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

April 2001

Commercial

Southwest Roofing Services, L. L. C.

Shreveport, Louisiana

Allegation: Entering into a joint venture with an unlicensed contractor and allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the hearing and license placed on probation for one (1) year.

Certified Roofing Specialists, Inc.

Pompano Beach, Florida

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings. Application file placed on hold without consideration for sixty (60) days.

Beers Construction Company

Atlanta, Georgia

Allegation: Entering into a contract, as a subcontractor, with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings and license placed on probation for one (1) year.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Bentonville, Arkansas

Allegation: Acting as an Awarding Authority and entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Rick Shipman Construction, Inc.

Dexter, Missouri

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings and license placed on probation for sixty (60) days.

John Croley Construction

Stillwell, Oklahoma

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Brown Fencing & Construction

Beaumont, Texas

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Allowed sixty (60) days to register a qualifying party or license automatically suspended. License suspended.

FMS Lighting Management Systems, Inc.

Jackson, Mississippi

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party or license automatically suspended. License suspended.

D. H. Griffin Wrecking Co., Inc.

Greensboro, North Carolina

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party for the classification of Specialty: Demolishing Work and suspend classification of Classification of Specialty: Install Repair or Close Underground Storage Tanks until qualifying party is replaced.

JE Remediation Technologies, Inc.

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License suspended and allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party or license automatically revoked. License revoked.

Residential

Thomas Keene

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings and a cease and desist order issued.

May 2001

Commercial

Wall Bae Choi

New Orleans, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as an Awarding Authority and entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

J. I. M. Construction

New Orleans, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Schexnayder, Ken J.

Bayou Vista, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as an Awarding Authority and entering into an "agreement" with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Clements, Steve

Bayou Vista, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

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Residential

Thomas Vanlangendonck

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Benjamin Stalsby

Oaksdale, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

C. C. Welch

Oakdale, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Mike McMorris

Monroe, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Buddy Coate Homes, Inc.

Mandeville, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Damon Townsley

Prairieville, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

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